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1. Reginning with a statement by the State Planning Commission of 21 June 1981, State Secretary Strassenberger outlined the necessity of purchasing second hand vessels in order to save foreign correscy and said that the Ministry of Toreign and Intra-German Trade should set up a commission composed of Messrs. Erben or bulf (fou) for matters relating to freight, Salonon as specialist for navigation, and two experts, one for engineering and one for ship building who, if ressible, should be detached from the German Ship Inspection and Glassification Board. This commission would be responsible for the quickest possible purchase of approximately 50,000 tons with about 3.5 million pounds. The foreign currency needed would have to be made available by the Ministry for Foreign and Intra-German Trade. State Secretary Gregor commented that the State Planning Commission must approve of the export of certain goods bournt for dollars or pounds. He said that the secision by the State Flanning Commission to purchase foreign tomage should be kept secret so as not to raise prices for ships. State Secretary followeder suggested that the ships should be bought individually but possibly in lots of at least four and should be bought in Sweden, Norway and Bensark which, he sair, have relatively modern fleets. He stated that the fleet planned for represented the minimum tonnage needed.

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- 2. Poland and Czechoslovakia were also interested in purchasing ships and negotiations on this matter should be initiated to avoid outlidding. The conference endorsed the resolution to join the Polish-Chinese shipping Line. Two ships will probably have to be commissioned for service with this line. The conferees also learned that Czechoslovakia proposed to the Unit the establishment of a joint shipping line. They believed that Poland should also be a partner to that line. They discussed the problem as to whether a joint shipping firm should be established as proposed by Czechoslovakia and decided that the individual countries should establish separate shipping firms which, he ever, should conduct joint shipping. They believed that an agreement on the Mag to be flown could be reached inasmue as the Corram flag would not be recognized internationally. They proposed that State Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Anton Ackermann should be contacted and requested to initiate negotiations with Poland and Czechoslovakia to create a contractual basis on which the three shipping firms involved could cooperate.
- 3. State Secretary Gregor proposed to employ small vessels of about 100 tons if possible for traffic with capitalistic countries. It was agreed that
  - n. The State Planning Courission, Traffic Department, inquire of the Engineering Department as to the possibility of building such vessels under the present drifter building program and with regard to engine requirements.
  - b. The Ministry for Moreign Trade and Intro-German Trade propers for the State Planning Commission, Traffic Department, an analysis of the sales to capitalistic countries for 1950 and the development planned for the period from 1951 to 1955.

c.	The Ministry of Traffic analyse the produtableness of those shall vessels through the Directorate General, Shipping.	
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